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## Midterm Exam

NOTE : No documents are allowed.

### Exercise 1 : (3,5 points)

In this exercise, we aim to show the existence of a non-integer real number  $x$ , such that :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

1. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . Assume that  $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Using the following equality

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \left( x^{n+1} + \frac{1}{x^{n+1}} \right) \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) = \left( x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \right) + \left( x^{n+2} + \frac{1}{x^{n+2}} \right),$$

show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have :

$$x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

2. (a) Show that there exists an integer  $x \neq 0$  such that  $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) Show that there exists a non-integer real number  $x$ , such that  $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

3. Conclude.

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z} : x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

4. Does there exist a complex number  $x$  with non-zero imaginary part, such that  $x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$ ?

### Exercise 2 : (2,5 points)

Let the function

$$f_a : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (x, y) \mapsto (ax - a^2y, y),$$

where  $a$  is a nonzero real parameter.

1. Show that the function  $f_a$  is bijective. Determine its inverse.

2. Find a condition on  $a$  and  $b$  such that :

$$f_a \circ f_b = f_b \circ f_a.$$

3. Determine (without proof) the expression for  $f_a^{(n)}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . (Recall that  $f_a^{(n)} = \underbrace{f_a \circ f_a \circ \dots \circ f_a}_{n \text{ times}}$  for  $n \geq 1$ ).



### Exercise 3 : (5 points)

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a natural number. We define :

$$U_n = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^* \mid z^n = 1\}.$$

1. Show that  $U_n$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$ .
2. Let  $\varphi_n$  be the function defined by :

$$\varphi_n : U_n \rightarrow U_n, \quad z \mapsto \varphi_n(z) = z^2, \quad \forall z \in U_n.$$

Show that  $\varphi_n$  is a group endomorphism.

3. (a) Determine  $\ker(\varphi_4)$ . Is  $\varphi_4$  injective?
- (b) Determine  $\ker(\varphi_5)$ . Is  $\varphi_5$  injective?

Justify your answers.

### Exercise 4 : (9 points)

We denote  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , where  $i$  is the complex number such that  $i^2 = -1$ .

1. Show that  $(\mathbb{Z}[i], +, \cdot)$  is a subring of  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$ .
2. Let  $N : \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \mapsto z\bar{z}$ ; where  $\bar{z} = a - ib$ .

(a) Justify that  $N(\mathbb{Z}[i]) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

(b) Show that  $N(z \cdot z') = N(z) \cdot N(z')$ ,  $\forall z, z' \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

3. Let  $\mathbb{Z}[i]^*$ , the set of units in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  whose inverse is also in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Alternatively written :

$$\mathbb{Z}[i]^* = \{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] \mid \exists z' \in \mathbb{Z}[i], zz' = 1\}.$$

(a) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[i]^* = \{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i] \mid N(z) = 1\}$ .

(b) Deduce all elements of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]^*$ .

4. We denote  $\mathbb{Q}[i] = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . The ring  $(\mathbb{Q}[i], +, \cdot)$  is it a field?

5. We say that  $z$  divides  $z'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  if there exists  $q \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$  such that  $z' = qz$ . We denote this as  $z \parallel z'$  (thus defining a reflexive and transitive relation on  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ ).

Remark : we always denote  $m \mid n$  for the divisibility relation in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(a) Let  $z, z'$  be two elements of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , hence of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Show that  $z \mid z' \iff z \parallel z'$ .

In other words, the divisibility relation in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  "extends" that of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) Let  $z$  and  $z'$  be in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Show that  $(z \parallel z' \text{ and } z' \parallel z) \iff \exists u \in \mathbb{Z}[i]^*, z' = uz$ .

We express this situation by saying that  $z$  and  $z'$  are *associated* in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

Throughout the following, we denote  $z \sim z'$  to indicate that  $z$  and  $z'$  are associated.

(c) Show that the relation  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

We denote  $cl(z)$  as the equivalence class of an element  $z$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

What is the cardinality of  $cl(z)$ ? What does  $cl(z)$  represent geometrically?